

LOW POWER COMMERCIAL FM

(As described in a Proposal for Rule-making to
be presented shortly by IBS before the FCC)

The service to be offered would consist of Commercial FM broadcasting at low power levels by non-profit educational groups. Some more important features of this service are described as follows:

Such a form of license would specifically be granted only to a group directly associated with a duly accredited educational institution, which group would operate financially on a non-profit basis. Program service would be primarily directed toward the college community, including the student body, staff, and nearby alumni of the institution.

The transmitter power output would be ten watts or less. Carrier frequencies available for assignment would include all Class A channels in the commercial FM band (from 92.1 to 107.1 mcs.).

The FCC's Standards of Good Engineering Practice covering this form of transmission would be those presently applying to all classes of Commercial FM broadcast stations, except to the extent specified below. Periodic monitor of the transmitter frequency would be required, but such equipment need not be part of the installation. Also, some suitable modulation indicator would be required. The audio frequency range, distortion, carrier hum, and noise level would be specified only to the same extent as present low power Non-commercial Educational FM requirements. Carrier frequency tolerance would also be the same as for present low power Educational FM.

Operating time would be specified as 25 hours per week minimum, with exceptions of the summer vacation and other major vacation periods, to be specified on the station license.

Operator requirements would specify that at least one first or second class commercial radiotelephone license holder must be in actual charge of the transmitter, to turn it on or off and to make adjustments or repairs. In all other respects, the station could be operated by persons holding almost any radiotelephone license.

group is particularly interested in using this service, though we would appreciate such information if it were supplied (question 2 below). It should be understood that such information, if supplied, cannot be construed as a commitment by the station to apply at some future date.

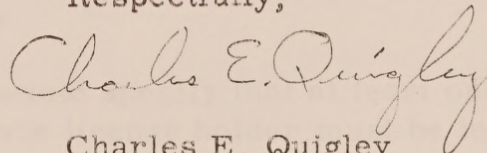
It is recommended that those who are interested in possible future participation should send supporting correspondence to the writer at the address which appears on the letterhead. In order to be of greatest value, letters should include at least the following information:

1. Identification: The letter should clearly indicate the relation of the station to the college, and the nature and size of the college.
2. Location: The size, geography, and approximate population of the nearby community should be included together with the principal business.
3. Interest: The manner in which the new mode would allow the station to do what it cannot now do should clearly be shown.

It goes without saying that the future benefit that may be derived from such a mode of operation, whatever form it may take, will be a direct result of the Commission's forthcoming decision on the Central Bible Institute application. Of course, the Commission may grant the requested waivers in whole, in part, or not at all. That decision can only be as good as the information provided from groups with practical operating experience in college radio.

We therefore ask you to invest 2 minutes of your time in the future of college radio by reading the next page, completing and mailing the enclosed question sheet in the business reply envelope furnished, and if your station is particularly interested, enclosing a letter expressing your feelings in this matter.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Quigley
Manager,
FM Department

3 enclosures

rc/CEQ

